SWEETHEART'S CASTLE

LOOK AT THESE PAINTINGS AND STATUES!

AREN'T THEY ALL SO CUTE?! I WONDER WHO SHE IS...

"CUTE"? MORE LIKE... "EXTRA"!

...

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YEESH... ALL THESE FACES GIVE ME THE CREEPS...

WHADDYA THINK, OMORI?

JOLT

GRIP

HEY, OMORI. WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU DON'T LOOK TOO HOT...

MAYBE, WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK HERE.

HEY! YOU LOT!!

HUH? WHO SAID THAT?

DOWN HERE!

WE'VE GOT NO TIME FOR LOITERERS. GIVE US A HAND, WHY DON'T YOU?!

SO WHAT?!

WE SPROUT MOLES HAVE BEEN UP TO OUR NECKS WITH WORK ALL MORNING!

WE'RE NOT HERE TO WORK... WE ACTUALLY JUST DROPPED BY TO VISIT.

BUSY, BUSY!! BUSY, BUSY!!

POOF

HERE, HELP US!

TAKE THESE DECORATIONS TO THE MAIN STAGE!

AND IN A FANCY CASTLE LIKE THIS?! WE JUST HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT!

OOOOOOH! A PARTY?!

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR SOME KIND OF A PARTY.

I THINK THEY'RE CALLED SPROUT MOLES.

AWW, DANG IT... WHAT IS THIS?! THEY'VE LEFT US TO DO THEIR ERRANDS!

YOU'RE WAY TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS, AUBREY.

WAIT A SEC, AUBREY!

DON'T BE A PARTY-POOPER, KEL.

I THINK THE MAIN STAGE IS THIS WAY! LET'S GO!

CLICK

WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE WHAT KIND OF PARTY THIS IS...

WHAT IN THE-?!

KLAPP

AAA-AHHH-HHH!!!

THUD

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT? A TRAP?

OWWIE...

IT'S ALL STICKY HERE! I CAN'T MOVE!

I AM, BUT...

IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?

WHAT IS THIS STUFF...?

IT'S STRINGY...

DRATS... HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?

AAA-AAA-RGH!

HERO?!

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DROOOP

ARE WE IN A SPIDER'S WEB?!

IT'S... IT'S A...

...S-SPIDER ?!?!

EEEK! GROSS!

HERO! HELP!!

HERO...?

I...

WH-WHAT'S WRONG?! HERO, SNAP OUT OF IT!

HOW ARE YOU DOING, OMORI?

THAT WON'T WORK, AUBREY. HERO CAN'T MOVE... HE'S TERRIFIED OF SPIDERS!

THEN... WHAT DO WE DO?
IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING SOON...
DANG IT...
SOME-ONE...!
KLIK
HELP-
BZZP

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2 WHAM

WHOOPS... DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU.

WH-WHO WAS THAT?!

CAPTAIN SPACEBOY FILLED ME IN ON WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO.

I WAS TOLD TO GIVE YOU A HAND IF I EVER FOUND YOU GUYS IN TROUBLE.

THE NAME'S BUDDY.

CAPTAIN... YOU'RE A LIFESAVER...

HOW EMBAR-RASSING...

DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE SO AFRAID OF A FEW SPIDERS THOUGH...

ALL THANKS TO YOU, BUDDY.

GLAD YOU MADE IT OUT IN ONE PIECE.

WELL, TO START FROM THE TOP...

I THOUGHT HE LEFT ON SOME KIND OF EPIC VOYAGE...

SO, BUDDY.

WHAT'S ONE OF THE CAPTAIN'S CREWMATES DOING HERE?

YES... I BELIEVE HER NAME WAS "SWEETHEART"?

I'M GUESSING YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE CAPTAIN'S EX-GIRLFRIEND.

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WELL, THAT "SWEETHEART" IS THE MASTER OF THIS VERY CASTLE.

IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S HOLDING A WEDDING TODAY.

AFTER SWEETHEART AND THE CAPTAIN BROKE UP...

...I STAYED IN THIS CASTLE TO KEEP TABS ON SWEET-HEART AND REPORT BACK WHATEVER SHE'S UP TO.

AND FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED...

THAT I DON'T KNOW YET...

WHO THE HECK IS SHE MAR-RYING?

WHAT?! A WED-DING?!

BUT... NO...

BUT WHOEVER THE GROOM IS, IT CAN'T BE THE CAPTAIN.

SPEAKING OF THE CAPTAIN, WHERE IS HE...?

HE'S HURRYING HERE AS WE SPEAK.

BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL MAKE IT IN TIME...

THEN... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THE CAPTAIN HASN'T EVEN GIVEN HER HIS LOVE LETTER YET...

POKE

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NOD

OMORI?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

ALRIGHT, THEN.

WE SHOULD HURRY TO THE WEDDING CEREMONY!

A WEDDING... WOULD BE HELD AT THE MAIN STAGE.

YEAH! WHAT COULD GO WRONG?!

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN TALK IT OUT WITH SWEETHEART OURSELVES!

WE...

WE MADE IT!

RRR-ARGH!

VWOM

HUH? WHAT'S THIS...?

AND WITH NOT A MINUTE TO SPARE...

THE WEDDING'S ALREADY STARTED? BUT WHERE'S THE GROOM ?!

...AND NOW, IT IS TIME FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM TO EXCHANGE VOWS.

HO HO HO HO!!

OH

NO WAY...

HO HO HO!

AND I, SWEETHEART, HAVE THE MOST *PULCHRITUDINOUS* FACE.

I, SWEETHEART, EMIT BEAUTY.

I, SWEETHEART, EXUDE GRACE.

THE ONLY SUITOR WORTHY FOR ONE SUCH AS I...

THE ONE AND ONLY SWEET-HEART!

...IS MYSELF!

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WHAT ?!

squeeze!

HA HA HA HA!

THAT'S SO LAME!

IS SHE TRYING TO MARRY HERSELF?

"THE ONE AND ONLY SWEET-HEART"...?

WAIT! AUBREY?!

DON'T LAUGH, KEL! WE HAVE TO STOP HER!

STOP THIS WED-DING!!

YOU MAY NOW KISS THE-

HOW DARE YOU STEP FOOT IN HERE...

...AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

DON'T DO THIS, SWEET-HEART!

LOVING YOURSELF IS ONE THING, BUT... THIS IS TAKING IT WAY TOO FAR!

AUBREY!

...AND INTERRUPT *MY* WEDDING?!

YOU CAN'T JUST ACT OUT LIKE THAT!

I BELIEVE I'VE FOUND MY TRUE LOVE!

MY... HE'S ABSOLUTELY IMMACULATE!

YES, YOU.

HERO?!

WH... M-ME?!

YOU! HAND-SOME ONE!

COME, NOW.

I'VE DECIDED. YOU *WILL* MARRY ME.

WHAAAAAAT?!

MARRIED?! RIGHT NOW?!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS... HERO!

OH...?

HERO? THAT'S YOUR NAME, IS IT?

MOST FITTING FOR YOU...

NOW, MY *HERO*.

PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO ME.

HERO! YOU HAVE TO REJECT SWEET-HEART!

REMEMBER... THAT YOU ALREADY...

GRIT

SWEET-
HEART.

I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

SO...

...BUT
I ALREADY
HAVE SOMEONE
SPECIAL IN
MY LIFE.

HERO!

...I CAN'T ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL.

I COULD NEVER AGREE TO A MARRIAGE JUST LIKE THAT!

PHEW!

I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT...

YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE.

I SEE...

MY TRUE LOVE...

BUT, THEN... WHAT ABOUT ME? WHERE'S MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

THAT'S ENOUGH, SWEET-HEART!

SWEET-HEART...

YOU CAN'T KEEP HURTING THE CAPTAIN LIKE THIS!

OH. IT'S YOU.

IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.

SO, *HE* SENT YOU ALL HERE.

DID YOU COME TO SNEER AT ME THEN? AT MY LONELI-NESS...?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT, SWEET-HEART!

WE JUST WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY WITH THE CAPTAIN...

SILENCE!

GRIP

IT'S ALL OVER...

EVERY-THING IS RUINED...

IT'S TOO LATE FOR EVERY-THING.

NO LONGER SHALL I TOLER-ATE YOUR IMPERTI-NENCE!

HAVE I NOT ALREADY MADE MYSELF CLEAR?!

SWEET-HEART, PLEASE LISTEN...

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO WORK THINGS OUT...

FLASH

YOUR MOCKERY... WILL ALL BE PUNISHED!

YOUR AUDACITY... YOUR FOOL-ISHNESS...

I WILL END YOU ALL...

...PERSON-ALLY!

TRIANGLE

SMASH

FARE-WELL!

MISER-ABLE PEONS!

SWEETHEART

UH OH... THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...

WHAT'S THAT SPIKY THING?

CAREFUL, AUBREY!

THAT WEAPON IS...

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CHOOSH

THIS IS...

SHE'S GOT WAY TOO MUCH POWER!!

SLAM

HER LAUGH IS MAKING MY EARS RING...!

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GOT IT!

I'LL DISTRACT HER.

YOU GUYS GO ON THE ATTACK!

SWEET-HEART!

EYES OVER HERE!

...INSO-LENCE!

YOU'LL PAY FOR BLASTING A HOLE INTO MY DRESS!

HOW...

WHACK

...
SAVAGE!

SWING

?!

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NOW, OMORI !!

SLASH!

SWEETHEART'S NOT SO SCARY AFTER ALL!

HEH HEH!

FLUMP

SWEET-HEART...

IT'S TIME YOU GAVE UP ON ALL THIS.

GRIP

SWISH

BUDDY!

FOOLS... FOOLS!

DID YOU TRULY BELIEVE...

...THAT I WOULD BE DEFEATED SO EASILY?

NO WAY...

SHE'S STILL...

THIS...

!SWING

...IS THE END!

CRASH

HOW...

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HOW ABSO-LUTELY PITIFUL!

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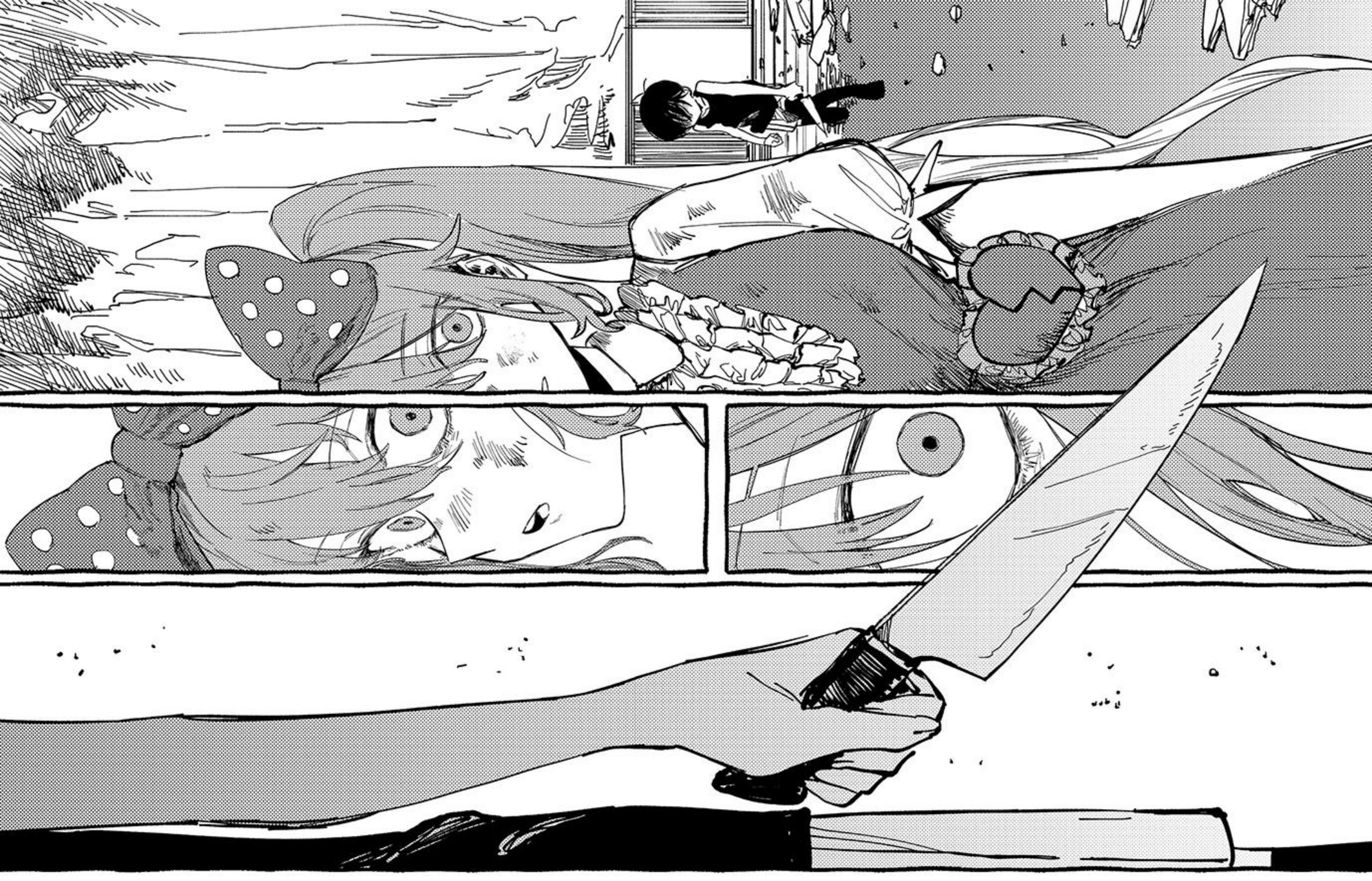

OMORI DID NOT SUCCUMB.

YOU...

SWING

WHAT IS THE MEAN-ING OF THIS?!

HE DODGED IT?!

DASH

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THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING...

IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE!

SWISH

WE

AM

BLAM

OH NO...

SWEET-HEART...

SWEET-HEART IS...

I HOPE I AM NOT TOO LATE.

EVEN YOU, MY SWEET-HEART.

YOU HAVE ALL ENDURED MOST COM-MENDABLY.

YOU GOT HERE, JUST IN TIME...

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CAP-TAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

S-SPACE-BOY!

PLEASE... MARRY ME, SWEET-HEART.

MY SWEET-HEART.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING THE COURAGE TO SAY THIS SOONER.

SPACE-BOY...

AND I CERTAINLY PUT YOU THROUGH A LOT, BUDDY.

IT IS DUE TO YOUR EFFORTS THAT ALLOWED ME TO MAKE IT HERE IN TIME.

I AM ETERNALLY INDEBTED TO YOU ALL.

HEH... YOU REALLY ARE A HANDFUL, CAPTAIN.

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R R

I AM CERTAIN WE SHALL MEET AGAIN.

R R R R

SMASH

UNTIL OUR NEXT REUNION!

WELL, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

LET'S HEAD ON OUT OF HERE...

WOBBLE

SNAP

JEEZ-LOUISE! EVERYTHING KEEPS GOING WRONG!

AFTER THE BATTLE AND THE SHIP CRASHING IN, THE CASTLE MUST BE CLOSE TO COLLAPSING!

SHOOT! THE WHOLE PLACE IS SHAKING!

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE *NOW!*

KRASK

SNAP

OMORI!

KRACK

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AHH!!